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SUBJECT: STATUS OF AUSTRIAN OILSEED PROJECT

REF: (A) VIENNA 05313; (B) VIENNA 05220; (C) VIENNA 05342

1. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT THE OILSEED BILL IS SCHEDULED FOR FINAL DEBATE AND, MOST LIKELY, APPROVAL BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON JUNE 26. THIS SCHEDULE WILL MAKE BILL READY FOR FINAL APPROVAL BY THE PARLIAMENT DURING ITS LAST SESSION JUNE 28-30. IF THE BILL IS FURTHER DELAYED AND DOES NOT REACH PARLIAMENT BEFORE THIS SESSION, IT WILL HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED AGAIN IN OCTOBER.

2. ACCORDING TO GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRANDSTATTER, THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT OVER THE MAJOR
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PROVISIONS OF THE BILL IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALTHOUGH DISCUSSION OF THE LEVEL OF THE TAX RATE IS STILL CONTINUING. ACCORDING TO HIM, RUMOR HAS IT THAT DELAYS IN FORWARDING THE BILL FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO FULL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT WAS CAUSED BY RECENT US-AUSTRIAN OILSEED CONSULTATIONS (REFTELS A AND C). HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES OR MEMBERS OF FINANCE

SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERED THESE CONSULTATIONS
WITH US CLOSED. OTHER SOURCES WHO PARTICIPATED IN
CONSULTATIONS ARE WELL AWARE OF STATUS OF THESE BUT
SEEM TO BE EXPECTING HIGH LEVEL US DEMARCHE.
3. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO URGE HIGH LEVEL DEMARCHE
RECOMMENDED REFS A AND B, ESPECIALLY SINCE TIME IS NOW
GROWING VERY SHORT. DEMARCHE CLEARLY WOULD BE
STRENGTHENED IF WE COULD GIVE SOME IDEA OF AUSTRIAN
EXPORTS THAT COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED SHOULD THIS
BECOME NECESSARY. BORG

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